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New year brings new faces to SCCC Board of Trustees

College sets tuition, housing rates for 2020-21

LIBERAL — At the regular monthly meeting Jan. 13, 2020, the Seward County Community College Board of Trustees started a new decade with new members, board housekeeping and a close look at the positive economic impact of the college in the region.

New trustees Kay Burtzloff and Sharon Hobbble were sworn in, along with re-elected trustees John Engel and Marvin Chance Jr. The board thus became a seven-member body rather than the six-member structure that had existed for its first 50 years. Committee assignments and organization expanded a bit:



SCCC trustees after the swearing-in ceremony Jan. 4. Back row, from left, recently elected Sharon Hobbble, who returns to the board after a hiatus of a few years; re-elected board vice-chair Marvin Chance, who is nearing 30 years as a trustee; front row, left, newly elected to a new, seventh seat, Kay Burtzloff, and re-elected board member John Engel.

ACCT Representative: John Engel, with alternate Dustin Ormiston
Alumni Association: John Engel
AQIP Steering Team: Kay Burtzloff
Board Policy: Ron Oliver, Marvin Chance, Jr., Director of HR, Legal Counsel
Budget/Finance: Casey Mein, Dustin Ormiston
Foundation Representative: John Engel, with alternate Sharon Hobbble
Insurance: Sharon Hobbble, Casey Mein, Dustin Ormiston, Legal Counsel
Negotiations Committee: Marvin Chance, Jr., Sharon Hobbble, Casey Mein,
KACCT Delegate: Marvin Chance, Jr., with alternates John Engel and Ron Oliver
Seward Co. Council of Governments: Ron Oliver; alternates Kay Burtzloff, Dustin Ormiston
Athletics Exploratory Committee: Kay Burtzloff, Casey Mein, Dustin Ormiston.

Vice President of Finance and Operations Dennis Sander presented a comprehensive, 100-page report to the board, created with data collected from the 2017-18 academic year.

“The analysis shows that SCCC generated \$62.5 million in added income for our service area,” Sander said. “That is the total of operations and student spending, together with the enhanced productivity of our alumni.”

During the analysis year, SCCC spent \$11.5 million on payroll and benefits for 292 full-time and part-time employees, and spent another \$7.5 million on goods and services in its day-to-day operations. In addition, however, the study noted, “the basic mission of SCCC is to foster human capital. Every year, a new cohort of former SCCC students adds to the stock of human capital in the SCCC service area.”

The sense of optimism and purpose was bolstered by the opening of two new facilities on campus, the Colvin Family Center for Allied Health, which hosted a public ribbon-cutting and open house Jan. 4, and the soon-to-open Sharp Family Champions Center.

“Baseball team members are using it already,” reported Athletic Director Dan Artamenko. “It’s really amazing to walk in and see.”

In order to make college planning easier for incoming freshmen and their families, the board announced tuition, fees, and housing costs for the 2020-21 year much earlier than in the past.

“We want to provide students with the best, most current information for their planning process,” said Vice President of Student Services Celeste Donovan. “By announcing next year’s rates now, we give future Saints and their families an advantage as they make important choices.”

Tuition and fees for the 2020-21 academic year will increase slightly in all categories, with a \$6 bump per credit hour, of which \$4 is designated as tuition, and \$2 as technology fees. Tuition increases will be accumulated in the general fund to alleviate decreasing aid appropriations and increased operating costs (utilities, personnel, equipment, transportation). The fee increases will accumulate in the technology fund to offset the rising cost of replacement and compliance with federal regulations.

The final per-credit hour increase will result in in-state tuition and fees cost of \$113 for Seward County residents, and \$114 for non-Seward residents, which positions SCCC \$10 less expensive than Dodge City, and \$5 more than Garden City community colleges.

“Administration is currently working on a proposal for fees for high-demand, high-cost classes and programs that would be in addition to the base rate,” noted Sander. “We will bring a proposal in March.”

The board also established rates for student housing and a 19-meal-per-week plan from the cafeteria. Sander noted that per-unit food costs are estimated to increase three to four percent, and operating expenses, including repair, are estimated to increase two to three percent. Housing rates for the Student Living Center, Mansions, and Hale Court will increase by \$50, with the same \$500 differential for a single-room occupancy as in the past.

In other business, the board:

- Approved title changes in the foundation/development office as follows, with no change to pay structure: Associate Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Engagement to Associate Director of Annual Giving; and Secretary/Alumni Coordinator to Alumni and Giving Coordinator.
- Approved and continued board policy series 500: Annual Review and Business Function with updates pertaining to worthless checks, campus safety, network computing, policy against violence, credit cards,



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2020/21 TUITION & FEES

** "Border State" students: students from OK, TX, NM, CO, NE and MO*

Seward County Residents:	\$113/credit hour
In-State (outside Seward Co.):	\$114/credit hour
Border State*:	\$136/credit hour
Out of State:	\$151/credit hour
International:	\$151/credit hour
Seward Online (all students):	\$150/credit hour
EduKan Courses Tuition/Fees:	\$150/credit hour

2020/21 HOUSING RATES

Rates include 19 meals-per-week plan: 3/day Mon.-Fri., 2/day Sat. & Sun.

Student Living Center (campus center circle)
Full year, \$5,110 occupancy (single: \$6,110)

Hale Court (north side of campus)
Full year, \$4,910 occupancy (single: \$5,910)

Mansions Suites (2 buildings, campus center circle)
Full year, \$5,110 occupancy (single: \$6,110)

invoice payment, gifts, grants, bequests and fund-raising, and regulation of smoking.

- Heard and entered the second reading of proposed additions to board policy series 500: policies addressing IT practices.
- Approved a license agreement revision to the NextGen Financial Aid Application software.
- Heard a report from Dr. Ken Trzaska about the Higher Learning Commission updated report, which required a faculty qualifications audit in November 2020, and Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes.
- Reviewed the personnel report, including the resignation of diesel technology instructor David Ireland.
- Instructed the administration to identify bonds to call and refinance through Ranson Financial recommended strategies. The motion specified using extra funds to pay off debt while keeping the required reserve.
- Accepted the low bid of \$22,420 from Monarrez Concrete of Liberal for new pathway extensions, connecting the two new buildings, Colvin Family Center for Allied Health, and Sharp Family Champion Center, to central campus.
- Heard a report from VP Sander about changes and renovations planned for the Saints Bookstore, including the addition of a Healthy Living Space.
- Received information about the Circle Court Time Capsule, for which the brick housing has been completed.

In his report to the board, President Trzaska updated the trustees about pending legislative opportunities in Topeka, where KACCT Executive Director Heather Morgan has scheduled input sessions with the commerce department.

Trzaska also provided information about potential partnerships with Garden City Community College, where an industrial maintenance program offers potential, and unused respiratory therapy equipment might be available for purchase.

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